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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED APRIL 9, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 9, 2003 for which the date for response is May 9, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11428.0003.NPUS01.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner alleged that the claims encompassed three different inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-13, drawn to compositions comprising extracts of *Vernonia amygdalina* leaves and methods for preparing the extracts.
- Group II: Claims 13-22, drawn to methods for treating neoplastic disease comprising administering the extract.
- Group III: Claim 23 drawn to a peptide sequence.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-13, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 787-1589 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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